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**INTRODUCED BY: Councilmember Rubin**

**RESOLUTION # 2000-11**

**REGARDING THE PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT THE TAKOMA METRORAIL STATION**

WHEREAS, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is preparing to award exclusive development rights for developing the property at the Takoma Metrorail Station; AND

WHEREAS, lengthy discussions took place between WMATA, the surrounding jurisdictions and concerned citizens in both DC and Maryland over a period of several years in the 1970s regarding the final disposition of the parking and park area of the Takoma Metrorail Station; AND

WHEREAS, our neighbors in Takoma, DC, as represented by Plan Takoma, Inc., have reaffirmed the importance of these past deliberations in their resolution of 2/28/00 calling for WMATA to defer taking action on any development at the Takoma Metrorail Station; AND

WHEREAS, the Takoma Metrorail property is located in the DC historic district and is directly adjacent to the Takoma Park, Maryland historic district, and the historic character and land use in this area is of extreme importance to the District of Columbia, the City of Takoma Park and Montgomery County, Maryland; AND

WHEREAS, the City of Takoma Park recognizes the more pressing need to develop a revitalized commercial district from 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Takoma, DC, up Carroll Street and Carroll Avenue to the Takoma Junction in Takoma Park, Maryland, with input from citizens in both DC and Maryland; AND

WHEREAS, the Mayor of the District of Columbia has instituted the Small Area Plan process, which is endorsed by our neighbors in Takoma, D.C.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Takoma Park reaffirms its support of the existing parking and park buffer established at the Takoma Metrorail Station by WMATA as a result of lengthy discussions with citizens in DC and Maryland and the surrounding jurisdictions during the 1970's; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Takoma Park calls on WMATA to maintain the commitments regarding land use that were approved by the WMATA Board of Directors in 1974 as a result of these agreements; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Takoma Park will energetically work with the District of Columbia and the DC and Maryland community for redevelopment and revitalization of the area from 4<sup>th</sup> Street in Takoma, DC to Takoma Junction in Takoma Park, Maryland; AND

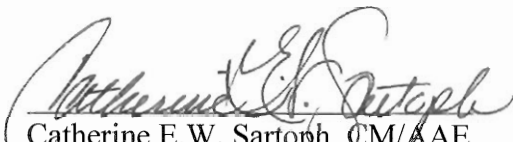
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Takoma Park will enlist the support of Montgomery County, Maryland, and the State of Maryland toward the goal of working closely with the District of Columbia on the economic revitalization and redevelopment of this commercial district and a halt to the precipitous development of the WMATA property; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Takoma Park reaffirms the importance of maintaining the existing park buffer area at the Takoma Metro station as a village green that should be a cornerstone of the redevelopment of the area; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of the Takoma Park requests that the WMATA Board of Directors put a stop to the developer selection and contract award process. Instead, a comprehensive plan for the business area should be produced by DC and Maryland that gives great weight to the citizen negotiations with WMATA in the 1970s concerning land use.

ADOPTED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2000.

ATTEST:

  
Catherine E.W. Sartoph, CM/AAE  
City Clerk